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DEA Administrator Pays Respects at Ground Zero

On October 11, Administrator Hutchinson visited New York, a month after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He and NY SAC Felix Jimenez accompanied the Deputy Chief of the New York Police Department to the remains of the World Trade Center.

"Three sights will be forever with me," said Administrator Hutchinson. "I saw the destruction reflected in the cranes and twisted steel; I saw the sacrifice of our law enforcement heroes as I stood before the flowers, signs, and pictures comprising the temporary memorial; and I then witnessed the determination, spirit and hope of this nation in the American flag flying proudly...over the rubble."



Special Assistant Betty Guhman, Administrator Hutchinson, and NY SAC Felix Jimenez look out over ground zero.



Administrator Hutchinson places a DEA hat among the other tributes at the NY Law Enforcement Memorial.



DEA Survivors Benefit Fund Contributes to NYC Survivors

On Friday, October 26, 2001, the National President of the DEA Survivor's Benefit Fund, accompanied by DEA New York Division SBF Representatives, presented the New York City Police Department's Detectives' Endowment Association with a check for \$25,000. This donation is to support the NYPD/FDNY/Widows and Orphans Fund during their efforts to assist spouse's and children of those members of the service lost on September 11th, 2001.



Left to right: Inspector Richard Crock, President DEA Survivor Benefit Fund.
Detective Jack Healy, Vice President NYPD Detective's Endowment Assn.
ASAC Ernest R. Yenco, NYD Representative.
Leslie Nathan, NYD SBF Committee member.
Eileen Armieri, NYD SBF Committee member.
Detective Steven Palermo, NYDETF.

Administrator Hutchinson Meets with Employees to Address Anthrax Concerns

Images from the HQ Anthrax Forum



DEA Speaks Out

- **Administrator Hutchinson's Recent Speaking Engagements:**
 - * Association of Former Federal Narcotics Agents in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
 - * International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association in West Palm Beach, FL.
 - * Conservative Leadership Conference, Alexandria, VA.
 - * International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, Toronto, Canada.
 - **Recent DEA Media Appearances:**
 - * Terrance Woodworth, Deputy Director of the Office of Diversion Control spoke on NPR's *All Things Considered*.
 - **Administrator Hutchinson has recently appeared on:**
 - * CNN International.
 - * CNN.
 - * *Crier & Company* on Court TV.
 - **Among the Field Divisions**
 - * A Phoenix Division Investigation, "Science Alliance," was featured on NBC's *Dateline*.
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Outside the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. the wreath shown above is one of many personal tributes left by survivors and visitors.



The Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Gala was held at the National Building Museum, which is adjacent to the memorial.



Administrator Hutchinson was the keynote speaker at the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Gala.

America's Determination Undiminished, Hutchinson Tells Memorial Fund Dinner

Administrator Hutchinson was honored to serve as the keynote speaker at the 10th anniversary gala of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. This event, held to honor fallen law enforcement officers and their families, had special meaning as it paid tribute to the 70 officers who lost their lives on September 11.

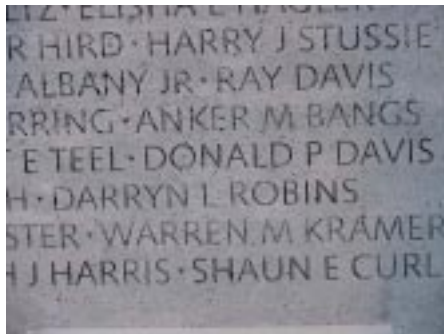
"More people lost their lives in two hours on September 11th than in all the previous terrorist incidents in the last 200 years," said Administrator Hutchinson. However, the terrorists responsible for the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon "grossly underestimated the grit and determination" of the American people, Asa Hutchinson said to the audience of 750 law enforcement executives, government leaders, and survivors of slain officers.

Mr. Hutchinson also emphasized the important role law enforcement officers had and will continue to have in response to the terrorist attacks. He referred to President Bush's vow to "bring the terrorists to justice," and said that responsibility will fall largely on the shoulders of law enforcement. "In the coming years, as we fight terrorism, there will be greater responsibility invested in law enforcement and, yes, there will be more sacrifice required of us."

Craig Floyd, Director of the Memorial Fund, told the audience he was honored that the DEA's new Administrator was the Keynote Speaker. "The DEA has such a legacy of honoring their fallen agents," said Mr. Floyd. He also emphasized the importance of remembering, in the wake of the September 11th tragedy, that an estimated 25,000 people were saved that day, and many were assisted by law enforcement officers or fire fighters. "Those that lost their lives on September 11th did not die in vain."

The Memorial Fund is a non-profit organization that oversees the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, dedicated in 1991 on Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. Its walls contain the names of almost 15,000 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty, dating back to the first known death in 1794. This year's gala raised over half a million dollars to support the memorial and a new Law Enforcement Memorial Museum that is to be constructed in the next few years.

Other participants in this event included New York City Deputy Chief James Hegarty; Virginia State Trooper Mike Middleton, who was one of the first to respond to the terrorist attack at the Pentagon and was severely injured as he rushed in to the building to assist victims; and actor Dennis Farina, who served as the celebrity chairman.



Etched into the Law Enforcement Memorial Wall are the names of all officers , including DEA Special Agents, who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The panel above includes the names of Special Agent Shaun E. Curl (bottom right) and Special Agent Anker M. Bangs (center right), an officer with DEA's predecessor agency, the Bureau of Narcotics.



More information about the Gala and the Memorial are available at www.leomf.org



Left to right: Mrs. Hutchinson, actor Dennis Farina, and Administrator Asa Hutchinson paid tribute to the nation's law enforcement officers.



Press Conference Participants



*Dr. Russell K. Portenoy
Beth Israel Center*



*Thomas E. Menighan
President, American
Pharmaceutical Association*



*Mary Vargas
chronic pain patient*

DEA and Pain Management Groups Begin Unprecedented Collaboration

At Joint Press Conference, Agencies Pledge to Work Together to Protect Patient Rights as well as Regulate Distribution of Pain Medication



In an unprecedented collaboration, the DEA joined 21 of the nation's leading pain and health organizations on October 23rd to call for a balanced policy governing prescription pain medications such as OxyContin. DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson urged a policy that protects the appropriate use of opioid pain relievers for patients who need them while also preventing abuse and diversion of the drugs.

"We don't want to cause patients who have legitimate needs for these medications, to be discouraged or afraid to use them. And we don't want to restrict doctors and pharmacists from providing these medications when appropriate," Administrator Hutchinson said.

Mr. Hutchinson stood with groups representing physicians, nurses, pharmacists and patient advocates at a press conference held at the National Press Club to release a consensus statement on prescription pain medications such as OxyContin, an opioid that has received wide attention as a new drug of choice by substance abusers. The joint statement noted that for many patients, these drugs offer the most effective way to treat their pain, and often the only option that provides significant relief.



For complete details and the full text of the joint press statement, see the [Pain Management Press Release on www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)



108th IACP Conference Held in Toronto

Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Event Encourages Communication Between Law Enforcement Executives



John Brown (right), who has been selected to become the next DEA Deputy Administrator, presents a pin for 30 years of government service to WDO SAC R.C. Gamble. The presentation was made at a SAC Conference that was held in conjunction with the IACP conference.



Administrator Hutchinson (2nd from left) with IACP Award winners.



Steve Casteel, Assistant Administrator for Intelligence, delivers a presentation on narco-terrorism to the IACP Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Committee.



Retired DEA S/A Mo Hill told stories about the "old days" at the IACP reception.



Former Administrator Donnie Marshall enjoys a light moment with Carol Abbott (left) and Lois Ludwikowski (right).



From the Field



George J. Cazenavette, III

New Orleans FD SAC George J. Cazenavette, III, Talks Armed Man Into Surrendering To Local Police

On Wednesday, October 3, 2001, a former Slidell, Louisiana dentist, Steven Collins, threatened to shoot two electric company utility workers leading to a three-hour standoff with police. According to Slidell, Louisiana Police, Collins, 41, has a history of “bizarre behavior.”

The standoff took place at 983 South Robert Road in Slidell, Louisiana, where Collins was living and where his dentist office had been located. The conflict began with a dispute over an electric bill. A Slidell area local electric company had shut off electricity to the office a few days prior because Collins had failed to pay the bill. Collins paid the bill the morning of the incident, but when local electric company workers arrived to restore his service, they discovered that Collins had reconnected it himself and put a lock on the meter box. When the electric company workers knocked on Collins’ door and asked him to remove the lock, he pointed a gun at them, told them they were trespassing, and ordered them to leave. The workers retreated and called the Slidell Police Department. Officers of the Slidell Police Department, including SWAT teams, immediately surrounded the office building.

Shortly thereafter, the DEA New Orleans Field Division Tactical Diversion Group received a duty call via telephone from Collins. Collins stated that the police had surrounded his residence, and he was refusing to exit. Collins said that he thought that the police action was related to his dental license having been revoked and his DEA registration having been surrendered. Collins requested that the DEA help him resolve the matter with the local police.

Telephone contact with Collins was maintained by Special Agent Finis Price of the New Orleans Field Division Tactical Diversion Group as Special Agent in Charge George J. Cazenavette, III was informed of the situation. SAC Cazenavette took control of the situation by speaking to Collins on the phone and helping Collins maintain his composure. After lengthy negotiations, SAC Cazenavette persuaded Collins to stay on the telephone with him and exit the office slowly, positioning himself so the awaiting Slidell Police SWAT team officers, who were also in contact with SAC Cazenavette, would be able to see he was no longer armed. Collins did as instructed by SAC Cazenavette and surrendered to Slidell Police SWAT team members without further incident.

DEA San Diego Case Brings Down Major Ecstasy Organization

On October 18 and 19, 2001, DEA agents, primarily from the San Diego Division, successfully completed Operation Triple X. The action dismantled a major methamphetamine and MDMA (Ecstasy) drug lab in Escondido, California. During the two-day takedown, 20 people were arrested for their participation in the trafficking conspiracy that was capable of producing millions of Ecstasy tablets. Operation Triple X got its name from the “XXX” logo imprinted on some of the Ecstasy tablets produced by the organization. The success of the operation was the result of tremendous assistance provided by DEA field offices and other law enforcement agencies.



Containers of precursor chemicals seized during Operation Triple X.



Agents seized over \$400,000 in U.S. currency.



Highly toxic chemicals seized during the operation.



More information about “Operation Triple XXX” is available at www.dea.gov under Major Operations.



*Ruth Beaver
Special Agent in Charge
Detroit Field Division*

Ruth Beaver, SAC of Detroit, Retires

Ruth E. Beaver has retired after over 20 years of service with the DEA. Most recently, Ms. Beaver served as the Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Field Division, where she oversaw all drug-related investigations conducted by the DEA in Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky. Ms. Beaver was also responsible for all drug awareness, drug education, and prevention measures taken by the DEA in this area. In this capacity, she was responsible for the activities of over 450 employees in 15 different offices in the three-state area. Ms. Beaver began her career with the DEA in 1979 after working in the Indianapolis Police Department for 11 years, giving her a total of 32 years in law enforcement.



Red Ribbon Celebrations

St. Louis Division- Omaha, NE

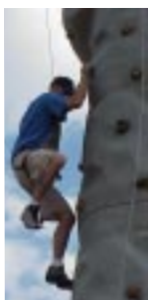
During the week of October 8-12, in conjunction with their participation in the DEA/BSA Red Ribbon Campaign, Cub Scout Pack #396 and Girl Scout Troops 3998, 3694, 2095, 2088, and 2013 sponsored a Red Ribbon Rally at Willowdale Elementary School in Omaha, NE. All of the participating Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts read aloud the drug free pledge, which each scout signed. A collection was also taken up for the disaster relief effort in New York City and Washington, D. C. The Red Ribbon Rally ended with a Drug Awareness presentation by S/A Wesley K. Smith of the Omaha District Office. Following the presentation, balloons were launched into the air. Seventy Scouts and 28 adults and leaders participated in sponsoring the Red Ribbon Rally.



Special Agent in Charge Felix Jimenez introduces Reverend David S. Lothrop during the New York Division's Red Ribbon Prayer Service.

New York Division

The Tumillo and Devine Training Center held a Red Ribbon Rally in commemoration of fallen hero Special Agent Enrique Camarena. In addition, the New York Division's theme "The Heroes Among Us" recognized the fallen heroes of the New York Police Department and The New York State Police who have worked along side DEA, as well as those who have demonstrated uncommon valor while giving the ultimate sacrifice in the fight against drugs. Said Special Agent in Charge Felix Jimenez, "What would drive an individual to risk his or her own life, knowing full well they may not survive the situation? Courage, valor, spirit... whatever you choose to call it: Kiki Camarena had it, the many in DEA who have fallen in the line of duty had it, and certainly those Officers who perished at the World Trade Center lived heroism every day." DEA/FLEOA Chaplain Reverend David S. Lothrop led the division in prayer and spiritual support during the ceremonies.



Miami Division - Pensacola

The Pensacola Resident Office began Red Ribbon Week at one of its Partner in Education Schools, Blue Angels Elementary School. Activities included Poster and essay contests. From October 9th through 24th, Special Agents presented 12 Red Ribbon programs at University, Public Elementary/Middle/High Schools in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, Florida. The DEA also participated in joint Red Ribbon presentations at three additional middle schools, and the Escambia County Sheriff's Office band, "Southern Heat," performed at each one. On October 20, DEA Pensacola, along with the U.S. Navy, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Think First, Community Drug and Alcohol Council, and Elks Lodge held a Red Ribbon Rally at a military housing soccer complex at U.S. Naval Air Station in Pensacola. Activities included a rock climbing wall, moonwalk, and free food. On Sunday, the Elks Lodge, U.S. Navy, DEA, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Community Drug and Alcohol Council, and Think First held a "Hands Across the Border" rally at the Elks Lodge. Again, all games, food, and prizes were free. Southern Heat performed at both events and is scheduled to perform seven more concerts at middle schools before the end of Red Ribbon Week. The final event is a Red Ribbon jog-a-thon, which features anti-drug exhibits from various agencies, including the DEA, and is scheduled for November 3rd.

Washington Division



*Principal Gregory E.
Thomas*



WDO DRC Steve Peterson



Shaw Junior High School in northwest D.C. welcomed a special guest to their Red Ribbon celebration – Administrator Hutchinson. The Administrator and R.C. Gamble, SAC of WDO, were on hand to help spread the message of Red Ribbon Week at this inner-city school. The Red Ribbon assembly at Shaw also featured the Arts & Education Jazz Band, a three-piece band that strives to help students understand the value of self-expression through music. The Shaw students clapped along with the band, and got really excited when the group was joined by a young rap artist. He impressed the crowd with his anti-drug rhymes and then asked a student to come on stage and join him. 9th grader Darious Day was selected by the principal and ran to the stage. With no preparation at all, he made up his own rap about avoiding drug use. Of his newfound rap celebrity, Darious said, “I’m OK at rapping, but I’m even better at basketball.” WDO DRC Steve Peterson was pleased with the students enthusiasm about the program. “I’m glad that the rap worked out well. I think it’s important to reach kids by speaking in a language they’re used to and enjoy – in this case rap.”



Length of Service Ceremony

On October 16, DEA and Administrator Hutchinson honored DEA employees for their length of service to the agency and the public. They were presented with pins to commemorate their many years of service. Mr. Hutchinson praised the dedication of DEA's employees. "Long before I came to DEA, I was already impressed by the dedication and professionalism of the people who worked here. And since becoming Administrator, the loyalty of employees has really hit home." He pointed out the remarkably low attrition rates of DEA employees. Last year, the overall attrition rate among federal employees was 7 percent. The rate among our DEA employees was 30 percent lower than that. Among Special Agents, it was almost 60 percent lower.

DEA Honors 40-Year Pin Recipient Cecilia Zugby



Ms. Cecelia "Dea" Zugby receives her 40-year pin.

During the ceremony, Administrator Hutchinson paid special tribute to Mrs. Cecilia Zugby, a Freedom of Information Specialist who has a 40-year career with the federal government. All but one of those years, she worked for the DEA, or a DEA-predecessor agency. Not only has Ms. Zugby been here from the very beginning of the DEA, but her very name reflects her dedication to this agency. Since childhood, she's gone by the name "Dee-uh," which is spelled D-E-A. Dea says it was never her intention to work for the federal government for so long. She came to Washington from West Virginia 40 years ago temporarily—or so she thought. She came to get some job experience while her fiancé was serving in the military in Italy. The engagement didn't work out, but the job sure did. Forty years later, Dea says she has enjoyed seeing the agency grow and change and has greatly enjoyed her experience because of the remarkable people she's worked with.



35-Year pin
Retha Fulmore
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Personnel



30-Year pin
Joseph Keefe
Chief of Operations



30-Year pin
Lawrence Kandrach
Intelligence Division



20-Year pin
Lolitheia Davis
Office of Diversion Control



20-Year pin
Monika Adams
Operational Support Division



(Above) The Board of Directors of the DEA Museum Foundation discuss plans for a narco-terrorism exhibit at the museum.

(Below) Congressmen peruse exhibits in the DEA Museum at a Congressional Coffee held by Administrator Hutchinson.



DEA Museum Hosts Distinguished Guests

The DEA Museum recently hosted the Board of Directors of the Association of Former Federal Narcotics Agents (AFFNA) DEA Museum Foundation. The October 10 meeting of the Museum Foundation saw a number of significant developments. Most importantly, the Foundation committed to fund the research and development for a major new exhibit on narco-terrorism. This new exhibit will start with a DEA-hosted national symposium on terrorism and drug trafficking in early December. The new exhibit and affiliated educational programs will be rolled out this coming summer. In addition, the Foundation is embarking on a major fund-raising initiative to support the on-going educational outreach efforts of the DEA Museum and Visitors Center.

The DEA Museum was also the site of a Congressional Coffee held by the Administrator. Members of the House Speaker's Task Force for a Drug-Free America toured the museum and were given briefings by DEA employees.



Former Administrator Bensinger (left) and current Administrator Hutchinson talk shop.

Guests from the House of Representatives

Rep. Mark Souder, IN
Rep. Benjamin Gilman, NY
Rep. Bob Goodlatte, VA
Rep. Kay Granger, TX
Rep. John Peterson, PA
Rep. Roger Aderholt, AL
Rep. Roger Wicker, MS



Representative Benjamin Gilman of New York (left) is happy to see former Administrator Peter Bensinger.



Representative Kay Granger of Texas studies an exhibit.

About the AFFNA-DEA Museum Foundation

Forging a partnership between the retired agents in AFFNA and the DEA Museum, this Foundation was launched in the Spring of 2001 to support the growth of the DEA Museum. Members of the Board include Bill Alden, Maury Devine, Chris Egan, and Dan Staffieri. Former Administrator Peter Bensinger, Dr. Mark Gold of the University of Florida, J. Walter Thompson President Peter Schweitzer, Anne Wroblewski from Jefferson Waterman International and Michael Emmerman serve as members at large.

Measuring Progress DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson Congratulates Drug Court Graduates



Mahoning County Judge John Durkin (left) with DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson.

To show his support for drug courts and people who have broken the crippling cycle of drug addiction, DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson addressed the graduates of a Youngstown, Ohio, drug court on October 12. The 16 graduates were first-time, nonviolent drug offenders who had elected to participate in the drug court program where they underwent over a year of intense rehabilitation, drug testing, and close monitoring by the court. To

graduate, participants had to have been drug-free for at least 6 months and had to meet a host of other requirements.

At the Mahoning County Court House, Administrator Hutchinson addressed the courtroom that overflowed with graduates, their families, and local law enforcement officers and dignitaries. He congratulated the graduates for meeting the tough requirements of the program and for having the strength of character and will to succeed. He explained, “What you’ve done is very important. You’ve been able to make it through a very tough program. People try to get through rehab in 30 days and then they fall back into the habit of addiction. What you have demonstrated and set an example for is that you can do it. With help, with family, with the strength of your own character, you were able to accomplish a very, very difficult task. And so I came here from Washington to thank you for doing well and to thank you for the example you’ve set.”

Mahoning County’s drug court began in 1998 and has graduated 89 people from the program. The court has been very successful, having achieved an extremely low recidivism rate among its graduates. Mahoning County’s drug court was recognized as a National Drug Court Institute mentor drug court this year and provides training to other drug courts in the region.

Administrator Hutchinson said he is often asked two questions. The first is why he is such a believer in drug courts. He explained that “We in law enforcement know that we can arrest the drug trafficker, which we’re going to continue to do, and we can put people in jail, but until we stop the demand for drugs in our country, then we’re really not going to completely solve the battle we face as a nation. With drug courts, we’re stopping the addiction and reducing the demand.”



“What you’ve done is very important. ..With help, with family, with the strength of your own character, you were able to accomplish a very, very difficult task. And so I came here from Washington to thank you...for the example you’ve set.”

-Asa Hutchinson

He continued by talking about the recent terrorist attacks. “You want to strike a blow against terrorism? Then stop the demand for drugs in our country, because many times that’s what funds and gives the revenues to those who want to wreak violence in our society. And so I support drug courts because they complement the law, they enforce the law, and they bring accountability.”

The second question Administrator Hutchinson said he is frequently asked is what he thinks about the movie *Traffic*. The Administrator answered that he thinks it’s a good movie because “It portrays the danger law enforcement has to confront, it shows how the drug problem touches every life in America, and it has gotten people talking about the problem of drugs in this country.” However, Mr. Hutchinson pointed out that one of the movie’s drawbacks is that it gives the impression that investment in law enforcement does not work and that treatment is the sole solution to the drug problem.

“But you in this program understand law enforcement has something to do with treatment. Law enforcement supports treatment and many times triggers it.” He told about the experience of the screenwriter of *Traffic* who was a heroin addict for many years. He only got into treatment out of desperation because his dealer and two backup dealers were arrested the same day. He also cited Youngstown drug court graduates who had earlier thanked police officers for saving their lives by arresting them.

“I support the drug court program because it brings accountability within the confines of the law and it showers that accountability with compassion.” But Mr. Hutchinson went on to explain that there’s a growing challenge to drug courts. He explained that the movement that supported Proposition 36 in California and the initiative to get a similar proposition on the ballot in Ohio “seem like good things because they allow nonviolent drug offenders to go into treatment. But the difficulty is these initiatives don’t have the drug testing, they don’t have the accountability, and they don’t have frequent reports to the court. That is a program that is doomed to failure because it doesn’t have that accountability. What works here is drug courts. When you’re in the court, you’re doing the testing, you have accountability, you have responsibility, and that’s what makes them work. We want drug courts to flourish.”

The Administrator closed the ceremony by voicing a question: “When we look at this drug court that’s graduating 16 people today, some might ask what kind of dent did we make in the problems of America?”

He answered by saying, “We’re making 16 huge dents. We address the drug problem in America one person at a time. Each of you here represents a great victory.”

Did You Know? Fast Facts about Flu Shots

source: CDC



Myths

The CDC is recommending that people get the flu shot this year, so that flu-like symptoms are not confused with Anthrax.

This is NOT true. Most illnesses that cause flu-like symptoms are not actually the flu. Therefore, even after a flu vaccination, people may become ill with flu-like symptoms. Those who get a flu shot and still become sick, should not necessarily fear that they have anthrax - they could have any of a number of other minor illnesses or a strain of the flu that was not blocked by the vaccination (Flu vaccines can prevent 70-90%, but not all, flu strains).

The CDC is, however, recommending that people get the flu shot in order to prevent the flu. Influenza itself can be very serious and life-threatening. Those in high-risk categories are especially urged to get vaccinated.

The flu vaccine can give you the flu.

This widely held belief is not true. The vaccine is made from killed influenza viruses, which cannot cause infection. However, there is an extremely small chance that the flu vaccine may cause allergic reactions in some people. Such a severe reaction is very rare, and the most common side effect of the vaccination is slight soreness at the injection site.

Basic Info

The CDC has developed an excellent web site to address concerns about flu shot distribution this year. It also has detailed information about who should receive the vaccine and when.

The site can be found at www.cdc.gov/nip/Flu/default.htm



No Hard Feelings: Administrator Hutchinson in the HQ Health Center waiting room and RN Kathleen Morris (who administered his flu shot) among other employees waiting for their shots.